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**BOYD WORKS TO CLEAN UP FISCAL MESS, FUND THE PEOPLE'S PRIORITIES**

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Congressman Allen Boyd (D-North Florida), a member of the House Appropriations Committee, today announced that he has introduced legislation to fund the federal government for the next fiscal year.

Last year, the Republican-led Congress was unable to complete work on 9 of 11 annual appropriations bills, leaving the federal government operating on a continuing resolution.

"Due to the inability of the Republican leadership to finish last year's appropriations work, our federal agencies have been operating on a continuing resolution for the past year," Boyd said.

Under this measure, most programs will continue to be funded at the Fiscal Year 2006 levels, adjusted for inflation.

Specifically, the Joint Funding Resolution would:

- Increase funding for veterans healthcare by \$3.6 billion to provide healthcare for 325,000 veterans
- Fully fund 31,359 positions at the FBI, including 12,213 agents and 2,577 intelligence analysts, the
- Increase funding for Pell Grants by \$615 million, allowing an increase of \$260 in the maximum Pell Grant
- Provide housing assistance for 227,000 individuals and families through a \$1.4 billion increase for

"I am pleased that we were able to provide vital funding for our veterans, our students, and our local law enforcement," Boyd said.

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